October, 1985 and will be operational by September|October, 1986.

Central assistance for enhancing enrolment of Girls in Schools

718. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the Central assistance to enhance enrolment of girls in schools in rural, tribal and hill areas in the educationally backward States; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) For increasing enrolment of girls in rural, tribal and hill areas, a Centrally sponsored scheme for appointment of women teachers in Primary Schools in 9 educationally backward States on 80:20 pattern was put into operation with effect from 1983-84 and an amount of Rs. 411 lakhs was released for appointing 8,000 women teachers in 9 educationally backward states. The scheme has been continued during 1985-86 and an amount of Rs. 171 lakhs has been released to these States for existing 8,000 women teachers.

The continuation of this scheme in remaining period of the Seventh Five Year Plan is under consideration. Assistance will get increased if the availability of funds increases in future.

Dieselisation of Amaravathi Express

719. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:
SHRI VIJAYA MOHANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for dieselisation of Amaravathi Express between Guntur and Guntakal for attaching extra coaches to ease the congestion in the train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): No, Sir.

Drop-out of students in the JNU

720. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that upto 1979-80, about 3,420 out of 8,826 students admitted to various courses varying from one to five years of duration in the School of Social Sciences and Languages in the Jawaharlal Nehru University, had left the courses as reported in the 'Indian Express' of 27th March, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a heavy drop-out and what steps have been taken to remedy the situation; and

(c) what is the average expenditure incurred by the JNU per drop-out student?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The press report was based on the observations contained in the thirty-first report of the Public Accounts Committee (1985-86) laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on March 20, 1986.

(b) The higher rate of drop out was in the School of Languages which also offers a number of certificate and diploma courses, on a part-time basis. These course attract mainly the local students and those among them who secure employment are